

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property Name: Cemetery Inventory Number: G-1-0149 CH-639

Address: Gardiner Road and Poplar Hill Road, Charles County - in the vicinity of Waldorf

Owner: _____

Tax Parcel Number: North of 217 Tax Map Number: 16

Project MD 301 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)

Site visit by SHA Staff: X no ___ yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility recommended ___ Eligibility **not** recommended X

Criteria ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G X None

Is property located within a historic district?: X no ___ yes Name of District: _____

Is district listed?: X no ___ yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The c. 1825-1954 cemetery is located at Gardiner Road and Poplar Hill Road. The headstones reveal a number of families, Sasscer, Gardiner, Baden and Mudd, whose names are still known by the community because of the streets named after them.

This cemetery most likely began as a family burial ground, which is suggested by the grouping of family members within close proximity to one another. Owing to the nature of settlement patterns in the Mid-Atlantic and southern regions of the United States, family burial grounds were commonplace. Unlike the close proximity of towns in the north, southern settlers were generally further removed from the churchyard by distance to their farm. Therefore, church burials were difficult, and in turn, led to a search for an alternative location. What began as a necessity soon became tradition.

Charles County's late 19th- and early 20th-century history is dominated by industrial and urban development. The greatest impact upon community growth came from the railroad. The completion of the Baltimore and Potomac

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<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>10/26/99</u>
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date
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Reviewer, NR Program	Date

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Railroad's (B&P) mainline from Bowie in Prince George's County to Pope's Creek in Charles County in 1872 prompted local entrepreneurs to establish stores and other commercial facilities near the railroad stations. The B&P Railroad also made inland farms accessible, thus, increasing their value and revitalizing the practice of agriculture in Southern Maryland. The B&P Railroad's La Plata station still stands at the intersection of the rail line with Charles Street.

Towards the end of the first quarter of the 20th century, road improvements and developments contributed to the suburbanization of Charles County. In particular, the Robert Crain Highway, later expanded as part of U.S. 301, attracted new development to older communities along its corridor. Crain Highway brought commercial development on La Plata's west side and contributed to the Charles County seat's overall growth in the 1920s and 1930s.

The c. 1825-1954 cemetery is not eligible for the National Register. While it is an example of the burial traditions associated with Christianity, the resource lacks significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.

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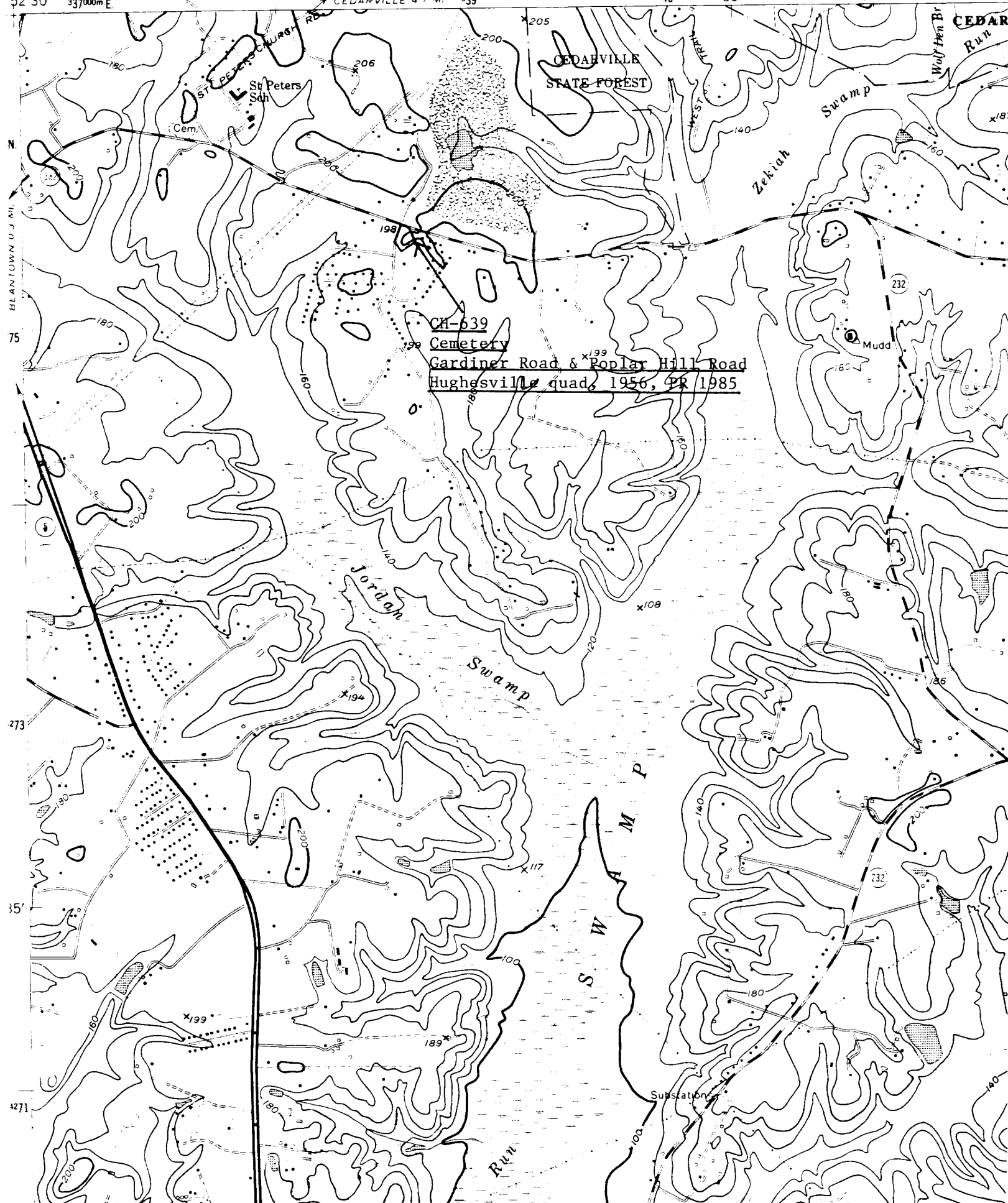
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